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**FIRE ENGINEER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 23, 2006**

**COMMITTEE GOAL:** To provide a means of communication between the Office of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

**Members Present**

Vickie Sakamoto, Division Chief Fire Engineering  
James Parsegian, Program Coordinator  
Yevonne Costa, Program Assistant  
Mike Brand, Brandco  
Chris Hoiland, CALSAFE  
Chris Gilbert, Simplex Grinnell  
Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment  
Randy Dysart, Beacon Fire and Safety  
Darrell Harguth, Brooks Equipment  
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co  
Kent Miller, Stockton FD

**Members Absent**

Jess Franco, Los Angeles City FD  
Leonard Franco, Merced FD  
Brian Heyman, Edison Power  
Mike Winfield, Dept of Corrections  
Martin Von Raesfeld, Santa Clara FD  
Bob Gebel, City of Torrance  
Randall Metz, Orange County Fire Authority  
Thomas Wiley, CGS Consultants

## **Introductions**

Supervising DSFM James Parsegian called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes from the February 15, 2006 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

## **OLD Business**

Rule 100 package that the Advisory Committee has been working on was forwarded to Division Chief Vickie Sakamoto. She will meet with Assistant State Fire Marshal Kate Dargan and a decision will be made as to how we will move forward. James will keep the committee informed regarding this topic.

The committee decided it would be in their best interest to write the proposal to strike certain language from the existing 906.2 General requirements found in the 2006 IFC, listed below you will find the final decision;

**906.2 General requirements.** Portable fire extinguishers shall be selected, installed and maintained in accordance with this section and ~~—NFPA10.~~ Title 19 CCR Chapter 3

### **906.2 Exceptions:**

1. The travel distance to reach an extinguisher shall not apply to the spectator seating portions of Group A-5 occupancies

2. Thirty-day inspections shall not be required and maintenance shall be allowed to be ~~once every three years~~ for dry chemical or halogenated agent portable fire extinguishers that are supervised by a listed and approved electronic monitoring device, provided that all of the following are complied with

2.1 Electronic monitoring shall confirm that extinguishers are properly positioned, properly charged and unobstructed

2.2 Loss of power or circuit continuity to the electronic monitoring device shall initiate a trouble signal.

2.3 The extinguisher shall be installed inside of a building or cabinet shall be installed inside a building or cabinet in a noncorrosive environment.

2.4 Electronic monitoring devices and supervisory circuits shall be tested ~~every three years~~ when extinguisher maintenance is performed.

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2.5 A written log of required hydrostatic test dates for extinguishers shall be maintained by the owner to ensure that hydrostatic tests are conducted at the frequency required by ~~NFPA 10~~ Title 19 CCR Chapter 3

The chairs of each group stated everyone is working hard on their tasks given. Darrell Hefley gave an overview of what the Enforcement Group has been working on and he shared with the committee the top 8 issues this group will be dealing with:

1. Testing procedures
2. C of R/License issues
3. The Disciplinary Action document review
4. Communications: Local Fire Service to OSFM and Identification issues of licensees to business owners
5. OSFM fee and cost structure review
6. Cooperation with local fire service for more cost based recoveries in court cases
7. Background checks
8. Compliance issues

Chris Gilbert is chairperson of the regulation workgroup, she stated they are very busy and are scheduled to hold an upcoming conference call. Mike Brand, Chairperson of the Training Workgroup stated his group would be meeting in July in Long Beach.

### **New Business**

James gave a brief overview regarding finding someone /place to give the practical test. This is still ongoing and will be discussed at future meetings.

### **Open Forum**

Edie Wade stated she had checked with her companies' collar ring maker and it would be possible to make the collar rings more viable by using a sturdier plastic. Edie will check with maker regarding price and availability.

### **Next Meeting**

The next advisory committee meeting will be held on August 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m at the State Fire Marshal's Headquarters conference room in Sacramento.

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